

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket Nos. D.T.E. 02-24 and D.T.E. 02-25
Responses to the Department's Second Set of Information Requests

Request No. DTE 2-17:

Refer to Exhibits MHC-1 (Electric) at 60 and MHC-1 (Gas) at 46-47. For each outside consultant service that the Company has used in preparation of the Company's electric and gas rate cases, please provide all request for proposals ("RFP") the Company used. If the Company has chosen to forgo the competitive bidding process, please explain in detail the Company's reasons for doing so.

Response:

The following outside consultant services were competitively bid and used by the Company in preparation of the Company's electric and gas rate cases:

Performance Based Regulation (PBR):

The Company sent written RFP's to the following outside consultants:

- Navigant Consulting, Inc. (Please refer to the RFP at Common Discovery Attachment 1 DTE 2-17)
- Lexecon, Inc. (Please refer to the RFP at Common Discovery Attachment 2 DTE 2-17)
- EFI (Please refer to the RFP at Common Discovery Attachment 3 DTE 2-17)

Based on the responses to the written RFP's, the Company selected Navigant Consulting, Inc.

Depreciation Study:

The Company had verbal discussions regarding the Depreciation Study with James H. Aikman of Management Applications Consulting, Inc., and Earl M. Robinson of AUS Consultants. The nature of this oral RFP was to discuss the scope of services, project timeline and the estimated project costs.

- Management Applications Consulting, Inc. (Their response to the Company's verbal RFP is included at Common Discovery Attachment 4 DTE 2-17)
- AUS Consultants (Their response to the Company's verbal RFP is included at Common Discovery Attachment 5 DTE 2-17)

As a result of this oral RFP process, the Company selected Management Applications Consulting, Inc., to conduct the Depreciation Study.

With regard to the Company's decision to forgo the competitive bidding process for other services, please refer to Mr. Collin's Exhibits, which are MHC-1 (Electric) at 59-62 and MHC-1 (Gas) at 46-47.

Common Discovery is any attachment that is identical for D.T.E. 02-24 and D.T.E. 02-25.

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